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#### Real Estate Transfers.

The following transfers of Highland Park real estate have been filed for record since our last issue:

Frank S. Oliver to G. D. Cole, lots 8 and 17, blk. 3, Port Cinton.

Joseph Pluard to Esther Turtle, n 50 ft., lot 6, blk. 15, Highland Park.

lots 1 and 2, blk 30, Highland Park. Fred Rudolph to T. E. Pierson, w 1 lot 16, blk 13, Highland Park.

M. W. Woodbury to Frank L. Hanna, lots 1 and 27, blk 4, Port Clinton.

#### Friendly Expressions.

Volume 1, No. 2 of D. M. Erskine, Jr's, Insurance and Real Estate Journal, is a credit both to Highland Park and its energetic resident who publishes it. The pages are bright with clean-cut type and varied information. A suburb and a business man are alive just in proportion to such enterprise. — Chicago Inter-Ocean.

It is stated that nine-tenths of the apples exported are Baldwins.

It's POOR CONSOLATION when a person who, having lost all his possessions by fire, with no insurance to cover his loss, is reminded by his neighbors that he's a fool or he would have been insured. Such, however, is the way of the world.

A good sister, who had been converted from the Universalist to the orth dox faith, rose up in a prayer meeting and exclaimed in a pious tone: "there was a time when I believed that all mankind would be saved, but now, thank God, I hope for better things."

"Conductor, why didn't you wake me up, as I asked you? Here I am miles beyond my station."

Couductor.—"I did try, sir, but all I could get you to say was: "All right Maria. Get the children their breakfast and I'll be down in a min-

This is the way a Vassar girl tells a joke: "Oh, girls, I heard just the best thing to-day. It was too funny. I can't remember how it came about, but one of the girls said to Prof. Mitchell-oh, dear, I can't remember just what she said, but Prof. Mitcheil's answer was just too funny for any use; I forget just exactly what he said, but it was too good for anything."

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#### NUNCUPATIVE WILL.

A case was recently decided in the Appellate Court of this State at Ottawa involving the validity of a nuncupative or verbal will, which is of considerable interest. It was a case in the matter of the probate of the nuncupative will of Eliza Jones, deceased, taken by appeal from the Lake county Circuit Court. The will was in these words: "I want to make my will; I don't want my folks to have anything; they are all middling well off; I want John Cooper to have all my property."

It was shown that the will was committed to writing within twenty days after making the same and proven by two witnesses as the statute requires, and the statute was in other respects complied with.

Probate of the will was refused by the County Court, whereupon the case was taken by appeal to the Circuit Court, where the judgment of the County Court was affirmed.

The decision of the Circuit Court refusing probate of the will is affirmed by the Appellate Court; but as the law does not require a written opinion in such case, we have no means of knowing the grounds on which the decision is made further than is disclosed by the record in the case upon which it was decided; from which it appears to be the judgment of the Appellate Court that such a will as is set out in this case is not a sufficient will. That the words do not express a bequest of the estate of the person speaking them to the party named.

If this is recognized as the law in regard to this class of wills, the object of the statute that persons in their last sickness may dispose of their personal property by words spoken would seem to be defeated. The same technical nicety in the use of words cannot be expected in such cases as in case of written wills where abundance of time is afforded, as well as the assistance of legal advice. The object of the law is that the intention of the testator shall prevail. When that is apparent, effect should be given thereto. In the will here set out, the wish of the deceased clearly appears. - Legal